



UNDER THE AEGIS

BY VIMEDDIEE

SHE WON'T GET OUT OF
BED. SHE WON'T EAT...



I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

YOU GO AND MEET WITH
DEENA LIKE HE PLANNED.
I'LL TAKE OVER.



ALRIGHT. JUST PLEASE GET
HER TO EAT SOMETHING.

GO. WE'LL TAKE
CARE OF HER.



ARE YOU CERTAIN YOU
DO NOT WISH ME TO
ACCOMPANY YOU?

NO, I'LL BE FINE. I NEED TO
BE ALONE FOR A WHILE...KEEP
THE HOUSE SECURE AND IF I'M
NOT BACK IN A FEW HOURS--



I SHALL SEND GAWAIN
OUT TO FIND YOU





OKAY, ENOUGH
IS ENOUGH.





WE NEED TO GET SOME
FOOD IN YOU

PLEASE, LEAVE ME ALONE
I'M NOT HUNGRY...

I'VE SEEN YOU EAT MORE THAN ALL
OF MY BROTHERS PUT TOGETHER.
YOU CAN HANDLE ONE BOWL OF SOUP.

EAT BEFORE I FORCE YOU
TO. I MEAN IT MATTIE.



SIENNA... I CAN'T DO IT.
UNCLE ARGUS...



AND IF YOU STARVE TO DEATH
WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE HIM?
WHERE DOES IT LEAVE US?



MATTIE, WE'RE HORRIED ABOUT
ARGUS TOO, BUT YOU'RE MORE
IMPORTANT NOW. WE NEED YOU.



C'MON MATT, YOU'RE LIKE THE
GLUE THAT KEEPS US TOGETHER.
YOU KNOW THAT.



EAT. AND THEN WE CAN FIGURE
OUT WHAT TO DO NEXT.



IF I SEE ANYTHING ABOUT
ARGUS, YOU'LL BE THE FIRST
TO KNOW, I PROMISE.







C'MON, WHERE ARE YOU?



ARE THOSE THE
UNIFORMS--?



WHAT IS IT WITH YOU
MOONBORN AND CREEPIN'
UP ON PEOPLE. JEEZ!

SORRY.



YOU'RE MEETING ME OUT HERE
ALONE? WHAT IF I'D BEEN AN
ASSASSIN? THOUGHT I TAUGHT
YOU BETTER THAN THAT.

I COULD EASILY TAKE
YOU DOWN IF YOU WERE.



IS THAT ANY WAY TO
TALK TO A SUPERIOR
OFFICER, CAPTAIN?



BACK IN MY DAY, CHILDREN
WERE TOLD TO RESPECT
THEIR ELDERS.



GOT ME THERE, GRAMPS.





HOW'S MATTIE DOING?

NOT GOOD.

LISTEN, DORIAN...



I STUDIED UNDER TEMPLAN TEACHERS
AND TRAVELLED FOR MOST OF MATTIE'S
CHILDHOOD, BUT ARGUS WOULD TELL ME
ABOUT HER ALMOST EVERY DAY...



I FEEL LIKE I KNOW HER REALLY WELL.
YOU'VE SEEN HOW CLOSE THEY ARE AND
HOW MUCH THEY MEAN TO EACH OTHER...

JUST, KEEP HER SAFE THROUGH THIS.
OKAY? SINCE YOU TWO ARE, Y'KNOW

I WILL... I UNDERSTAND HER
MORE THAN YOU KNOW



I HAVE TO ASK. IT'S
THE TEETH ISN'T IT?



EXCUSE ME?



THE ADORABLE BUNNY TEETH!
ONE OF THE REASONS YOU'RE
HEAD OVER HEELS??



OH...UH. YES. THAT DEFINITELY
HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT.





OH GOSH. I'M SO SORRY--

I'M REALLY, REALLY SORRY—

DON'T WORRY ABOUT
IT. FIRST DAY?



YES. I WANTED TO MAKE A
GOOD IMPRESSION BUT I'M
FAILING SPECTACULARLY.



YOU'RE COUNCILWOMAN ALLURA'S
ASSISTANT. IT'S A TOUGH JOB
I'M SURE YOU'LL DO FINE

THANKS. YOU'RE ACTUALLY THE
FIRST TO SAY "ASSISTANT"
INSTEAD OF "SON".



I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.



WE COULD...MEET UP FOR LUNCH,
IF YOU LIKE. FIRST DAYS ON
THE JOB CAN GET LONELY...

I CAN TELL YOU ABOUT MINE,
COMPLETE CATASTROPHE...!



I'D LIKE THAT
VERY MUCH...





IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF
TIME BEFORE HE DISCOVERED
US. YOU KNOW, I DIDN'T THINK
IT WOULD BE THIS SOON.



ARGUS IS NOTHING
BUT DEDICATED.



I WONDER HOW HE FOUND THAT
PARTICULAR ENTRANCE. IT'S
NOT ONE WE NORMALLY USE.

YOU'LL BE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT
DEENA DOESN'T SUSPECT US. BUT
SHE SUSPECTS SOMETHING. ARGUS
SPOKE WITH HER BRIEFLY.

HMM. I DON'T WANT TO HAVE HER KILLED.
SHE'S TOO VALUABLE AN ASSET. I'LL
DEPLOY HER WITH THE REST OF THE ARMY.

SHE'LL BE PUT TO BETTER USE DEFENDING
BASILEIA INSTEAD OF SNIFFING AROUND
THE SYNEDRION.

MOTHER, ABOUT ARGUS...



IT WON'T BE EASY TO EXTRACT
INFORMATION. OUR USUAL METHODS
DON'T SEEM TO WORK ON HIM.



YES. YOU'VE SAID...I'VE ALWAYS
FOUND THAT VERY STRANGE.